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AGRICULTURE'S FUTURE ROLE

- FARMERS NEED TO BE PRO-ACTIVE
- SOLVING PROBLEMS FROM: THE BOTTTOM UP, NOT TOP DOWN
- FINANCING FROM:
 "AG-STREET" NOT WALLSTREET

OBJECTIVES

- Changing the paradigm
- Private sector farming & forestry leadership
- Solutions based on sound science & experience
- Environmental mitigation /urban encroachment
- Soil health should be focus, not just energy
- Cover cost of water & air regulation compliance
- > Develop local green credit markets

STATEWIDE BENEFITS

- > Improved Air & Water Quality
- Marketable Green Credits
- Landscaping Cover Products
- Enhanced Soil Nutrients
- Distributed Green Power
- Project Site & Ag Tourism
- > Employment



AG / URBAN DISPARITY

POLITICAL

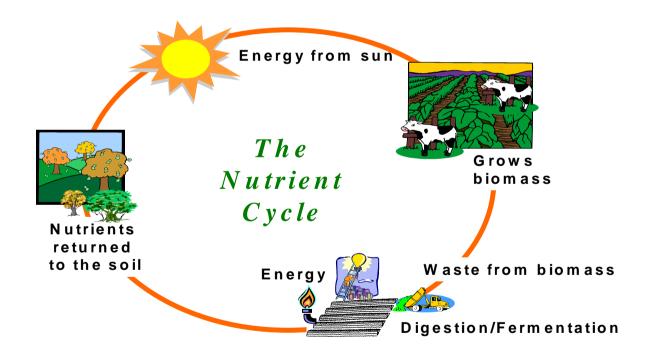
FINANCIAL

There are many more votes in cities and urban areas than in rural Agriculture areas. The return on investment is less and takes longer for payback than most investors will accept

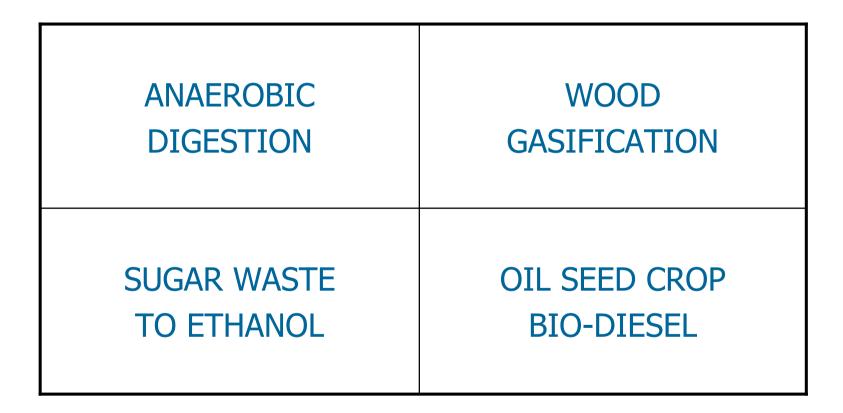


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SUSTAINABILE FARMING



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS



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Agriculture and Energy at the Crossroads

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